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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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S.M.E. SHIPPING PTE LTD.

Plaintiff,

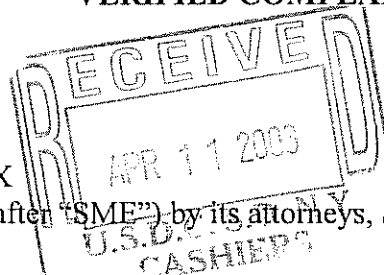
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v.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

GUJARAT HEAVY CHEMICALS LTD.
a/k/a GHCL LIMITED,

Defendant.



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Plaintiff S.M.E. SHIPPING PTE LTD (hereinafter "SME") by its attorneys, as and for its
Verified Complaint against the Defendant GUJARAT HEAVY CHEMICALS LTD. a/k/a GHCL
LIMITED (hereinafter "GHCL"), alleges upon information and belief as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and also falls under this Court's admiralty and maritime jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1333.

THE PARTIES

2. At all times material hereto, Plaintiff SME was and still is a foreign business entity duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of a foreign country with an office and principal place of business in Singapore.

3. The plaintiff is engaged in business as an owner, or disponent owner, of ocean-going vessels by which cargo is transported in exchange for payments of hire or freight.

4. At all times material hereto, Defendant GHCL was and still is a foreign business entity duly organized and existing pursuant to the laws of a foreign country with offices at 1, B-38, Institutional Area, Sector-1, NOIDA-201 301, India, and GHCL HOUSE, Opp. Punjabi Hall, Near Navrangpura Bus Stand, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-380009, India.

5. The defendant is a charterer of ocean-going vessels.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
FOR BREACH OF MARITIME CONTRACT

6. On or about February 11, 2008, GHCL, as charterer, entered into a maritime contract with SME, as disponent owner, whereby SME's vessel, the MV FOKUS, was hired to carry a cargo of soda ash between Porbunder, India, and Chittagong, Bangladesh.

7. This contract between SME and GHCL is a maritime contract in the form of a "CONLINEBOOKING" Liner Booking Note, dated February 11, 2008, and annexed "ADDITIONAL CLAUSE TO MV FOKUS – A/C. GHCL LIMITED, DATED. 11th FEBRUARY 2008" (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "maritime contract").

8. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this maritime contract, the parties agreed to, among other things, a freight rate for the transportation of cargo, a demurrage rate of US \$6,000.00 per day on a pro rata basis with despatch being half the demurrage rate, and that all disputes arising under this maritime contract would be subject to Singaporean law and resolved by the courts of Singapore.

9. Although the subject vessel did load, transport and discharge cargo at certain ports in accordance with the terms of the maritime contract, GHCL failed to provide the minimum agreed amount of cargo resulting in a deadfreight claim by SME in the amount of US \$21,361.00; GHCL caused delay at the load port resulting in a demurrage claim by SME in the

amount of US \$30,600.00; and GHCL caused a delay at the discharge port resulting in a detention claim by SME in the amount of US \$11,312.00. Under the terms of the maritime contract, GHCL owes SME in the aggregate amount of US \$63,273.00.

10. Although duly demanded, GHCL has failed to pay any amount of the US \$63,273 of damages that is now due and owing to SME, all in breach of the maritime contract.

11. As previously indicated above, the maritime contract provides that any disputes arising under said contract are subject to resolution in Singapore, and to be determined under Singaporean Law, none of which is deemed waived, and, in accordance with the terms of the maritime contract, SME has or will commence a legal action in Singapore.

12. Furthermore, the award of fees and costs is allowed under Singaporean law and is regularly awarded in maritime matters such as the subject dispute. The estimated allowable fees and costs for the arbitration of SME's claim against GHCL is approximately USD\$60,000.00.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

13. Notwithstanding the fact that the liability of GHCL is subject to a determination by a court in Singapore, there are now, or will be during the pendency of this action, certain assets, accounts, freights, hire payments, monies, charter hire, credits, effects, CHIPS credits, electronic fund transfers, payments for bunkers, goods or services, bills of lading, cargo, debts and the like belonging to or claimed by the Defendant within this District and held by various parties, as garnishees.

14. Plaintiff believes that some of these assets, in bank accounts and/or as funds being transferred through intermediary banks, are located in this District in the possession of garnishees, including, American Express Bank, Ltd., Bank of America, Bank of India, Bank of New York, Barclays Bank, Citibank NA, Deutsche Bank, HSBC (USA), JP Morgan Chase Bank,

Standard Chartered Bank, State Bank of India, UBS AG, Wachovia Bank, CHIPS, and possibly other banks or financial institutions located in New York.

15. As set forth in the accompanying declaration of Timothy Semenoro, the Defendant cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

16. Because this Verified Complaint sets forth an *in personam* maritime claim against the Defendant and because the Defendant cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the requirements for a Rule B attachment and garnishment are met and Plaintiff seeks the issuance of process of maritime attachment so that it may obtain security for its claims against the Defendant and/or *quasi in rem* jurisdiction over the property of the Defendant so that an eventual judgment and/or award can be satisfied.

17. In addition to an attachment in the full amount of the claim as set forth above, Plaintiff also seeks an attachment over an additional sum to cover awardable attorneys' fees and costs which are recoverable pursuant to Singaporean Law in Singapore.

18. Plaintiff's aggregate claim against the Defendant amounts to US \$123,273.00 which is comprised of the underlying claim of US \$63,273.00 for damages plus estimated awardable interest, costs, and fees.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays as follows:

- A. That the Defendant be summoned to appear and answer this Verified Complaint;
- B. That the Defendant not being found within this District, as set forth in the Declaration of Timothy Semenoro, then all of its assets, accounts, freights, monies, charter hire,

credits, effects, payment for bunkers, goods or services, bills of lading, cargo and the like belonging to or claimed by the Defendant within this District up to the amount sued for herein be attached pursuant to Supplemental Rule B and to pay Plaintiff's damages;

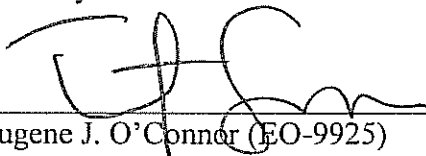
C. That this Court retain jurisdiction over this matter through the entry of a judgment either by this Court, and/or the a court in Singapore, so that judgment may be entered in favor of Plaintiff for the amount of its claim with costs, i.e. US \$123,273.00, and that a judgment of condemnation and sale be entered against the property arrested and attached herein in the amount of Plaintiff's claim, plus costs to be paid out of the proceeds thereof; and

D. That Plaintiff has such other and further relief as the Court may determine to be just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: Port Washington, New York
April 10, 2008

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**VERIFICATION OF
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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, TIMOTHY SEMENORO, Esq., declares under the penalty of perjury:

1. I am associated with the law firm of Chalos, O'Connor & Duffy, attorneys for the Plaintiff S.M.E. SHIPPING PTE LTD. herein;

2. I have read the foregoing complaint and knows the contents thereof; and

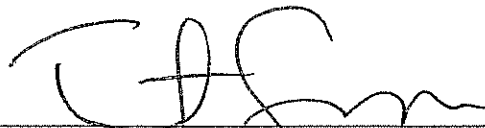
3. I believe the matters to be true based on documents and information obtained from employees and representatives of the Plaintiff through its underwriters and attorneys. The reason that this verification was made by deponent and not by the Plaintiff is because Plaintiff is a foreign corporation, whose officers are not in this district, and whose verification cannot be obtained within the time constraints presented by the circumstances of this case.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: Port Washington, New York
April 10, 2008

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TJ Semenoro', is written over a horizontal line.

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